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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT-IBRD THIRD EDUCATION PROJECT

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD INCLUDE:

(A) CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT FOR NEW TECHNICAL HING SCHOOL;
(B) EQUIPMENT AND ENLARGEMENT OF BUILDINGS FOR THREE AGRICULTURAL
JUNIOR COLLEGES; (C) EQUIPMENT AND ENLARGEMENT OF BUILDINGS FOR A
FISHERIES COLLEGE, THREE FISHERIES HIGH SCHOOLS AND EQUIPMENT
FOR ONE MERCHANT MARINE JUNIOR COLLEGE; (D) CONSTRUCTION AND
EQUIPMENT OF SEVEN NEW VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES; AND
(E) FINANCING OF ENGINEERING AND CONSULTANT SERVICES REQUIRED
FOR THE PREPARATION OF FUTURE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

2. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE: MR. LEE, HAE KYUNG

DIRECTOR

EDUCATIONAL FACILITY BUREAU

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

SEOUL, KOREA

3. COST AND FINANCING: TOTAL PROJECT COSTS ARE PRESENTLY
ESTIMATED AT \$39 MILLION. FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF \$22.5
MILLION WILL FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF CIVIL WORKS
(\$3.5 MILLION), IMPORT OF EQUIPMENT (\$12.3 MILLION) AND EMPLOY-
MENT OF FOREIGN ENGINEERING AND CONSULTANT SERVICES (\$500,000)
FOR PREPARATION OF FUTURE EDUCATION PROJECTS. ROKG HAS RECEIVED
A PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT FROM IBRD FOR 22.5 MILLION LOAN AND
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A FORMAL LOAN AGREEMENT IS SOON TO BE SIGNED BETWEEN ROKG AND

IBRD.

4. EXPECTED BID DATES: ESTIMATED DATE FOR ROKG ISSUE OF INVITATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS IS LAST PART OF 1975. ROKG PLANS CALL FOR LOCAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS TO PARTICIPATE IF THEY MEET REQUIREMENTS. ESTIMATED DATE FOR SELECTION OF FOREIGN ENGINEERING AND CONSULTANT SERVICES IS ALSO SCHEDULED IN THE LATTER PART OF 1975. PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE EARLY PART OF 1976.

5. POTENTIAL U.S. SALES: U.S. INVOLVEMENT COULD INCLUDE FOREIGN ENGINEERING AND CONSULTANT SERVICES (\$500,000) AND EQUIPMENT (\$12.3 MILLION) TO BE PURCHASED FOR THE SUBJECT PROJECT INCLUDING: VARIOUS LABORATORY AND WORKSHOP EQUIPMENT FOR (A) TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL: PHYSICS, BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL TESTING LABORATORIES, AUDIO VISUAL FACILITY, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, CHEMICAL, ARCHITECTURAL, CIVIL ENGINEERING, AUTOMOBILE, MINING AND TEXTILE AND DYEING WORKSHOPS; (B) AGRICULTURAL JUNIOR COLLEGE: FORESTRY, LIVESTOCK, HORTICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING WORKSHOPS; (C) FISHERIES COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOLS: EQUIPMENT FOR TEACHING OCEANOGRAPHY AND MARINE METEOROLOGY, FISHING GEAR AND FISHING METHODS, NAVIGATION AND INSTRUMENTS, SEAMANSHIP, PROCESSING WORK SHOP, REFRIGERATION WORK SHOP, FOOD AND NUTRITION CHEMISTRY, MICROBIOLOGY, AUICULTURAL, MARINE BIOLOGICAL, PLANKTOLOGY AND ECOLOGY LABS, MARINE INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE ROOM, MARINE EXTERNAL AND AUXILIARY ENGINE ROOM, MACHINE SHOP, ELECTRIC PRACTICE, COMMUNICATION EXPERIMENT ROOM, EXPERIMENTAL RADIO STATION, RADIO ENGINEERING ROOM, ELECTRONIC WORK SHOP, AND CIRCUIT MEASUREMENT ROOM; (D) MERCHANT MARINE JUNIOR COLLEGE: NAVIGATION ROOM, NAUTICAL INSTRUMENT, SEAMENSHIP, HEAT ENGINEERING, INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE, EXTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE, INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL, MACHINE SHOP, SIMULATOR ROOM, LANGUAGE, APPLIED PHYSICS, SHOP CHEMISTRY, ENGINEERING MECHANICS, AUXILIARY MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRONICS, CONTROL ENGINEERING, AND DESIGN AND DRAWING ROOM; AND (E) VARIOUS COMMON FACILITIES FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE INCLUDING PHYSICS, BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL TESTING LABS AND AUDIO VISUAL ROOM.

6. POST COMMENTS: ACCORDING TO ROKG OFFICIALS, CONSTRUCTION UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRACTS FOR ALL PREVIOUS CIVIL WORKS OF THIS THPE HAVE BEEN HANDLED BY LOCAL CONTRACTORS. TENDERING OF CONTRACTS FOR EQUIPMENT WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OFFICE OF SUPPLY OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA (OSROK). EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS IN PACKAGES OF OVER \$50,000 WOULD BE AWARDED FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES FOR PROCUREMENT UNDER WORLD BANK LOANS. PACKAGES UNDER \$50,000 WOULD BE NEGOTIATED DIRECTLY; LOCAL SUPPLIERS WOULD HAVE

A 15 PCT PRICE PREFERENCE. U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROJECT SEEMS TO BE FAVORABLE SINCE THE U.S. HAS LONG BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH KOREA'S EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND U.S. EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN SUPPLIED THROUGH AID IN THE PAST. THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT PROSPECTIVE U.S. SUPPLIERS SHOULD CONTACT MR. LEE, HAE KYUNG, IMPLEMENTING OFFICER, ROKG. AND SHOULD START NOW IN SECURING ADEQUATE SALES REPRESENTATION IN KOREA IF THEY DO NOT YET HAVE A LOCAL AGENT.
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